

Peterborough Region
Community Resources for
Grade 1 & 2 Landmarks

LANDMARK 9: Visit your own special outdoor place (at least every two weeks).

Resource	For Families	For Schools	Landmark #	Comments
Camp Kawartha Environment Centre	√	√	9	Families can visit the grounds which have a frog pond, bird feeders, wetland and forests. It can be accessed through the main gate on Pioneer Road or via trails from the Trent Wildlife Sanctuary on University Road. In addition to extensive school programs available at the centre, outdoor playscape features provide great ideas for schoolyards.
Gamiing Nature Centre	√	√	9	Gamiing Nature Centre on Pigeon Lake welcomes families and school groups for a range of outdoor experiences. Check out the website for details and upcoming events.
Ganaraska Forest Centre	√	√	9	Trails, forests and an education centre can all be found at the Ganaraska Centre. Great place for family recreation. Curriculum-linked outdoor programs available for school groups from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Contact the Centre for details.
GreenUP Ecology Park	√	√	9	Families can visit Ecology Park year-round to look for wildlife and explore trails and various habitats. From May to October, there are demonstration sites, children's activities and school programs available. Check the website for details. Access the park through the main gate north of Peterborough

				Utilities (no parking) or through Beavermead Park parking lots off Ashburnham Drive in Peterborough.
Kawartha Land Trust Properties	√		9	Kawartha Land Trust stewards a number of beautiful natural properties in the region. Many have trail systems, and special events include guided walks and volunteering opportunities. Check out their website for locations and upcoming events.
Mark S. Burnham Provincial Park	√	√	9	Excellent destination for family or group visits. Beautiful maple and hemlock forest - perfect for exploration! Just outside the City of Peterborough on Lansdowne St. E.
Millbrook Valley Trails	√	√	9	Wonderful family destination for exploring trail system and beautiful forests. Regional school groups welcome too.
Otonabee Conservation	√	√	9	Many regional conservation areas to visit for exploring in nature. Families and school groups welcome. Visit website for further details on locations near you.
Peterborough Parks	√	√	9	Great variety of popular parks with natural areas, beaches, splashpads and picnic areas. Family favourites include Jackson Park, Rogers Cove and Nichols Oval. Check out city maps for details. Parks within walking distance of most City schools.
Peterborough Trails	√	√	9	Peterborough has a fabulous trail system that is excellent for parents with young children - walking or cycling. Trails are within walking distance of many City schools.
Private Yards and Properties	√	√	9	Landmark #9 focuses on expanding a relationship with a place that is special to the child, that they can visit on a regular basis throughout the year. That could be part of their own yard, a place in the neighbourhood, a family cottage or farm, the schoolyard, or a local park. Choose someplace easy for you to access, and encourage children to get to know the place in detail, throughout all seasons.
Riverview Park and Zoo	√	√	9	Park and grounds are open every day with free admission; animals available to visit every day; splash pad during summer months.

			9	Many school workshop opportunities for Kindergarten classes. Visit the website for details.
Trent University Nature Areas	√	√		With over 30 km of nature trails, Trent University offers wonderful opportunities for nature exploration within the City limits. Parking area on University Rd, with access to marked trails. Visit the website to access directions and the trail guide.

LANDMARK 10: Plant, tend and harvest something you can eat.

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Farms at Work	√	√	10	Farmers feed all of us! Contact Farms at Work Director Pat Learmonth to explore opportunities to visit or help on a local farm.
Nourish Project	√	√	10	Can visit your class to help start a food garden in the classroom or outdoors; can explore what makes a healthy diet, and where our food comes from; may be able to provide materials including seeds and plants; Families can be linked with a nearby community food project. Contact Jill Bishop at growing@nourishproject.ca
Peterborough Downtown Farmers' Market	√	√	10	A great place to explore for a sensory delight! Every Wednesday from May through October; talk to farmers about how they grow food; see the bounty that changes throughout the seasons; 8:30 AM to 2 PM. Ask for some advice on what you could grow yourself!
Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners		√	10	Master gardeners may be able to assist with planning and developing school gardens. Contact to discuss your needs
Peterborough Horticultural Society	√	√	10	May be able to support costs in developing a school garden; gardening workshops for members.

LANDMARK 11: Find three ways to celebrate each season throughout the year.

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Art Gallery of Peterborough	√	√	11	Summer camps for kids; homeschool programs Tuesday afternoons. A range of school programs available. Contact the Art Gallery to discuss your needs.
Camp Kawartha	√	√	11	Camp Kawartha's main facilities are north of Lakefield on Clear Lake. A wide range of school programs available, specializing in 2.5 day residential visits. Summer camp opportunities available for families. Exciting opportunities in all seasons!
Camp Kawartha Environment Centre	√	√	11	Families can visit the grounds at Camp Kawartha's Environment Centre on the Trent University campus, which have a frog pond, bird feeders, wetland and forests. The centre can be accessed through the main gate on Pioneer Road or via trails from the Trent Wildlife Sanctuary on University Road. Extensive programs available year-round for schools and families, with many seasonally-linked activities.
County Fairs	√		11	County Fairs are a great place to see farm animals and farm produce, and revel in the wonders of the growing season, from summer through fall. Regional fairs include Millbrook, Lakefield, Norwood, Peterborough, Roseneath.
Curve Lake First Nation		√	11	A wide range of programs available, through visits to Curve Lake, as well as in-class programming; seasonally-linked stories, music, art and insights into First Nations cultures.
Farms at Work	√	√	11	Farmers feed all of us! Contact Farms at Work Director Pat Learmonth to explore opportunities to visit or help on a local farm, and see the many faces of farming through the seasons.

GreenUP Ecology Park	√	√	11	Families can visit the Ecology Park year-round, to see the winter bird feeders, and explore the gardens and plant nursery in spring, summer and fall. Class visits and summer programs available as well. Check out the website for details.
Shannon Kimewon		√	11	Shannon is a First Nation educator who works with kindergarten through older grades to tell stories, teach Indigenous songs and share Indigenous culture. Many programs are linked to the seasons. Contact her to discuss options at wikyraingrl@hotmail.com
KPR Outdoor Education Centres		√	11	For schools in the Kawartha Pine Ridge Board, trips can be arranged to a nearby outdoor education facility for excellent curriculum-linked outdoor programs including a wide range of seasonal sports, games and fun!
Lang Pioneer Village	√	√	11	Spring and summer visits for families and school groups. Pioneer gardens and Indigenous food exhibits.
McLean Berry Farm	√	√	11	Families can visit for Pick-your-own and maple syrup harvest; Classes can participate in Pumpkin harvesting; pumpkin life cycle - curriculum linked for primary student focus; positive animal interactions.
Nourish Project	√	√	11	Can visit your class to help start a food garden in the classroom or outdoors; can explore what makes a healthy diet, and where our food comes from; may be able to provide materials including seeds and plants; Families can be linked with a nearby community food project.
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Peterborough Field Naturalists	√	√	11	Junior naturalists host monthly activities for families. Schools can contact naturalists to request a volunteer to accompany school

				groups on walks in the neighbourhood or a nearby natural area. Contact Martin Parker mparker19@cogeco.ca or Drew Monkman dmonkman1@cogeco.ca for details.
TRACKS		√	11	TRACKS (Trent Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge and Science) offer Indigenous-inspired programs which include stories and art on a variety of earth-linked themes that change with the seasons. Call to discuss your program needs.

LANDMARK 12: Meet the friends in your neighbourhood (trees, flowers, mammals, insects and birds).

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Camp Kawartha Environment Centre	√	√	12	At the Environment Centre in Peterborough, Camp Kawartha's school programs, summer camps and March Break programs open the door to making friends with local birds, animals, insects and plants. Check the website for further info.
KPR Outdoor Education Centres		√	12	For schools in the Kawartha Pine Ridge Board, trips can be arranged to a nearby outdoor education facility for excellent curriculum-linked outdoor programs which can help kids discover the wild friends in our area.
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Think Outside		√	12	Nancy Thomson is a star with school groups! If you need ideas for outdoor activities with your class, look no further! Nancy offers a wide range of programs right in your own schoolyard. Check the 'Think Outside' website for details.